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WASHINGTON, November 2, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 28 totaled 354,362, down 1.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 2.8 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 1.6 percent in the East and 0.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 7,395 cars (5.9 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were down 6,273 cars (24.7 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were off 1,940 cars (9.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 43 weeks of 1989 totaled 14,372,586, down 1.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 128,038 trailers and/or containers for the week ended October 28, up 2.6 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of 1989 was 4,915,813 trailers and/or containers, 3.0 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended October 28 totaled 20.2 billion, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 43 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 825.3 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,878	29,072	2.8 %	29,482	1.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,430	2,212	9.9	2,558	-5.0
Metallic Ores	19,131	25,404	-24.7	20,246	-5.5
Coal	133,570	126,175	5.9	127,006	5.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	18,586	18,390	1.1	18,737	-.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	11,020	10,620	3.8	9,827	12.1
Grain Mill Products	10,044	10,213	-1.7	10,594	-5.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,083	9,267	-2.0	9,152	-.8
Primary Forest Products	9,844	9,500	3.6	9,282	6.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,362	7,634	-16.7	6,355	.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,443	10,516	-.7	9,621	8.5
Chemicals	27,185	27,312	-.5	26,855	1.2
Petroleum Products	5,322	5,088	4.6	4,812	10.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,960	11,042	-.7	11,049	-.8
Coke	5,776	5,968	-3.2	5,740	.6
Metals & Products	9,305	10,279	-9.5	8,817	5.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,713	21,653	-9.0	18,494	6.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,644	9,701	-10.9	8,805	-1.8
All Other Carloads	7,066	7,895	-10.5	7,139	-1.0
Total	**354,362**	**357,941**	**-1.0 %**	**344,571**	**2.8 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 43 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 28, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**354,362**	**357,941**	**-1.0 %**	**14,372,586**	**14,553,992**	**-1.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	74,867	75,317	-.6	2,853,385	2,879,186	-.9
Containers	53,171	49,509	7.4	2,062,428	1,894,202	8.9
Total	**128,038**	**124,826**	**2.6**	**4,915,813**	**4,773,388**	**3.0**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.2**	**20.2**	**.0 %**	**825.3**	**827.2**	**-.2 %**

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